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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**I. Preliminary Statement**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability (37 C.F.R. §1.97(h)), or that no other material information exists.

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**II. Identification of Time of Filing the Accompanying Information Disclosure Statement**

- ☐ The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). As such it is believed that there is no fee due.
- ☒ The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. As such it is believed that there is no fee due.
- ☐ The information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed *after* three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but *before* the mailing date of either a final action under §1.113 or a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
- ☐ The information disclosure statement transmitted herewith is being filed *after* a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first, but before or simultaneously with, the payment of the issue fee.
- ☒ Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, furthermore, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.
- ☐ Applicant received [a/an] \_\_\_\_\_ mailed \_\_\_\_\_ in related \_\_\_\_\_ application \_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this report is enclosed for the USPTO's convenience.
- ☒ The present information disclosure statement is being filed thirty (30) days or fewer from a communication from a foreign patent office and Applicant submits the following statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d): each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

**III. Publishing Dates of References**

- ☐ Applicant(s) do not know the precise publication date(s) of these following reference(s): \_\_\_\_\_. However, Applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider this/these reference(s) in examining the present patent application. If the Examiner feels that one or more of the reference(s) bear against the patentability of the claim(s), Applicant(s) will then attempt to resolve the prior art status and applicability of the reference(s).
- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby submit(s) the following PROPRIETARY MATERIAL(S) in accordance with MPEP § 724.02: \_\_\_\_\_. This/these reference(s) is/are provided in a sealed envelope or container and clearly labeled as PROPRIETARY MATERIAL NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC. Applicant(s) request(s) that the USPTO, including the Examiner and other authorized USPTO employees, treat and handle this/these reference(s) in accordance with MPEP § 724.04.

**IV. Non-English References**

- ☐ In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.
- ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the following foreign language patents, publications or information or of those portions of those patents, publications or information considered to be material: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ No English translations of the foreign language patents, publications or information or parts thereof are readily available, except for those listed above.
- ☐ Submitted herewith is a non-English language document and a corresponding English language document believed to be the equivalent or substantial equivalent of the non-English language document. The non-English language document(s) and corresponding English language document(s) are identified as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items. (Attached)

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement  
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V. Fee

- ☒ It is believed that NO FEE is due with this Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Petition fee due (§1.17(p)): \$180.00
- ☐ Attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00.
- ☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. **03-0172**.
- ☒ Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **03-0172**. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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